



Massachusetts Wing

CIVIL AIR PATROL



preparing



for Tomorrow's



Missions

Encampment 2004

A Week in Review



From the Wing Commander

On 1 August 2004 cadets and senior members came from all over Massachusetts, and other parts of the east coast to participate in our annual training encampment. We had C.A.P members from as far away as Kentucky, New York, Maryland, Vermont, and Connecticut. I am sure you all had expectations of what this week of training would be. I hope you were pleasantly surprised. We all came here with one purpose, to train and work in support of the Civil Air Patrol and prepare for Tomorrow's Missions.

We are truly in the digital age with computers, cameras, and the Internet. Again this year our Web-Site followed our day to day activities and progress.

To the Senior Staff, especially Lt Col Earl Shepard, the Encampment Commander, I hope that Encampment 2004 was a rewarding experience for you. In the few days that I was able to be here, I found you to be a very cohesive, dedicated and hard working group. I want to thank each and every one of you for your effort. It is your planning, hard work, and long hours that makes this possible. You have met your challenge with a very successful week. I am proud to serve with you.

To the Cadet Staff, especially C/Lt Col Victoria Britton, Cadet Encampment Commander, it is you who are the leaders of tomorrow. During this week, you have demonstrated a high degree of motivation and professionalism. You have conducted this encampment in the true spirit of the Civil Air Patrol. You have met your challenge and you have succeeded.

To the cadets from all over the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as well as the other states who participated, if this was your first encampment, I hope it will be a memorable one. I am sure you will never forget this week. You persisted; you did your job; you completed the necessary work to graduate. I congratulate you on a job well done.

I congratulate everyone, who participated in Encampment 2004, on what you have become over this week of training. You have become part of a team. You have learned how to work together on the job at hand and complete the task.

As we return home, I give you a new challenge. Take what you learned here, back to your individual squadrons. Let us continue to be ready, and able to support our nation, when we are needed. There are no boundaries in the Civil Air Patrol. We can only accomplish our missions if we pull together. The real theme of this encampment was "TEAMWORK" and there is no "I" in teamwork.

Have a great Summer!

Col Frederick Belden, CAP

Commander

Massachusetts Wing, Civil Air Patrol



THE WEEK IN REVIEW



Encampment Farewell from the Commander

Dear 2004 MAWG Encampment Participants

IT'S OVER!!! I sincerely hope that all of you had a safe and uneventful trip home. I don't know about you, but I loaded up with coffee, turned up the AC in the car and played loud music to keep me going. And then, there's unloading and unpacking, too. YUK! That waited 'til Monday.

I cannot begin to express how proud I am of the cadet corps, the cadet staff and the senior staff of this encampment. People have called to congratulate me on the success of the encampment. I told them this was a team effort involving every single person who participated.

This year we had most of the military activities we've had in past years, such as LRC, Coast Guard Tours, and Huey rides. Until we arrived at the Army Aviation facility, they did not believe they would be able to fly more than 60 cadets. Many of their pilots were away at school as part of their training. We've also had tours of the 102 FW, Mass Air National Guard and their F 16's and the Pave Paws Radar site. But due to tasking in support of their missions they could not accommodate us this year. They did, however, express their deepest apologies to us.



We received C130 rides this year, which were not guaranteed until the aircraft actually arrived, due to their tasking and training schedule. In addition, they originally only had time to fly less than half the encampment. But, they were able to make the time to fly more. It's this kind of dedication by the military units that support us, which helps to make the encampment a success. These efforts are spearheaded by Lt Col Bob Isabelle, (USAF Ret), who does countless hours of work to get us this support. I say a hearty **THANKS, BOB.** You've done it again.

I hope that many of you come back next year as a part of the cadet or senior staff. Give back what you learned this year to another person who comes to camp fearful, unsure, and untrained.

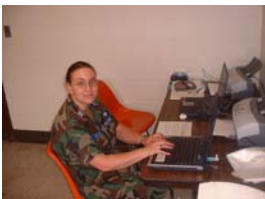
I have always thought of CAP Cadets as being the future of this country. They are our legacy. After commanding this encampment, my seventh as commander and seventeenth over all, I can honestly say the future and legacy of this country are in mighty good hands.

Thank you one and all.

Earl Shepard, Lt Col, CAP

Encampment Commander

Before it all began—Saturday, 31 July 2004



Parting Words from the Commandant—Captain Jo'andrew Cousins, CAP

I'd like to start by expressing my utmost thanks for the senior members. Sometimes it's hard to see that the greatest resource available is right next to you and I hope that the cadets will seek to fully understand your true value. I realize that the lessons of life that you bring to the table are absolutely priceless. Thank you. In a country in turbulent times and serious issues to that must be faced, CAP once again may be called to meet its charter similar to the call we met in World War II. I thank you and you have my highest respects.

I'd like to offer my thanks to the Wing Commander, Colonel Belden who has commanded my professional respect as an active duty military officer and my utmost dedication and support to bring his cadet program back to his cadets. To Lt Colonel Shepard, the smooth jazz guy that loves radio's and his dedicated wife. If there is anything I have learned for sure this week is ... Cadets – if there was any doubt, they are unequivocally the best pair of senior members I believe I have ever served with.

My thanks to the Liaison Officer. Sometimes the parents never get to see the people behind the scenes. This could not have happened without their support and hard work, thank you. And last to the US Coast Guard, especially my Commanding Officer Captain Brimblecom. For 224 years we have been always ready to answer the call of the country. That's our charter. It may mean a little to some, but we believe in our youth.

I've learned so much from these the cadet corps. In my efforts to fully explain every question asked of me, I've exhausted myself to the point of my medics telling me to relax, to ensure the questions were answered. Of all the questions that I have asked there is one, just one I want to answer I never had a chance to fully answer.

What's a Commandant of Cadets?

To understand that, I grouped people into 5 categories in my head ... Par-



ents, Teachers, Senior Members, Leaders and Officers. My heart tells that parents care for their children, and in the end their child is their legacy, Teachers, such a noble profession, teach to leave a legacy, educate and ensure our youth are properly equipped. Senior members ... I believe that some may need that connection with the youth, special youth ... you the core, they also educate, equip, volunteer and mentor. Leaders, they always keep the chain strong and stand by for the call. And as many wondered officers, they manage, lead, educate, equip, control, develop, try again if needed, stick to task, report only when complete or when all resources available at their level has been fully exhausted prior to going up the chain, and are ultimately responsible for 100% accountability at all times. If you agree with me about the officer block, I'll always be a mentor for you.

This encampment was tough, this is the place that mistakes if any must be made. The task for me over the past 8 days was not to send you home but to ensure you have learned the leadership lessons while ensuring The Encampment completion requirements set forth in the Cadet Program Manual. I held my staff to the standard, to the letter in full compliance of my interpretation of the intent of the CAP cadet program. I am here to remind you of your charter, your pledge the cadet oath. I hope every time you recite that prior to every promotion think if the charter that you pledged to uphold is still intact. Keep your integrity. By definition, it's about doing the right thing even if no one is watching, especially if you believe there is no consequence. Keep your integrity, if you trust me, I believe if you remember this, you'll never fail. From time to time, believe that some-

times it only takes a kitchen utensil to make a tremendous point, always follow your chain of command. If you use them, the chain always links to the top, and I hope they'll keep you safe and to the task at hand. Don't criticize those precious resources above you, especially if they are the "new" person on the block. Never let anyone take your integrity, but never give it away either. Once you've done that, it takes a long time and for some a life time to get it back. You got what it takes. Stick to your charter, obey your officers, attend meetings regularly and advance yourself to be of service to your community state and nation. I know you can and I know I personally still have my integrity. Don't fail us and don't fail yourselves. It has been a privilege and honor to served you the 2004 Encampment Cadet Training Group. If you every need a "resource", I'll always been there for you. As many of you know, you have to ask the right questions. Always follow your chain of command, you fail I'll send you a spoon just to remind you of our bond, as you collect them – remember a leader will always be there for you. Someday as time passes, you'll all have the chance to be the Commandant and then when you get there, you'll realize that having the honor of just been part of the team is just enough. When you leave this military base don't look back, learn from life, learn from your history but I caution you ... don't live there. Living there puts someone else in charge of your life and in control in your future. Who knows the future ...

Wake up and take charge, that's my personnel charter for you.

Always look forward and think outside the box. Now you understand what's a Commandant and my charter, you've passed – and passed well.

Thank you.

Captain Jo'andrew Cousins, CAP
Commandant of Cadets

The Arrival — Cadets arrive from 6 Wings



We have your reservation.



Where's the Front Desk?



Your Social Directors await.



This is Great! A room with a View!



Medical Check-in



Monday—And so the Week begins



Training begins at the LRC - Leadership Reaction Course



Wooops!



We loved the Chow Hall



Did somebody say "Lets Eat"?



Tuesday - Rapelling

Sample Daily Schedule

Schedule:

- Reville
- PT
- Shower/Dress/Room
- Formation
- Breakfast
- Rapelling
- Lunch
- Moral Leadership
- Dinner
- Leadership
- Sports/Drill
- Personal Time
- Lights Out



You want me to go where and do what?!



Remember the Alamo!

Training is of the Essence



We train with the Best!

Look Mom, No Hands!



USCG on maneuvers



Wednesday - A Little Classroom—on DDR Drug Demand Reduction



These guys really know what they're talking about!



Army Aviation—Takes the Spotlight



CAP has gotta get a few of these!



From the Air



Utes - Now for the Really Big Toys



Still Flying - Air Force



U.S. Coast Guard—And more Aircraft



Hey, doesn't Captain Cousins fly the Falcon?



Friday - The Obstacle Course



*What we do to eat
around here!*



Speaking of Food



Keeping Your Goals in Sight

When she looked ahead, Florence Chadwick saw nothing but a solid wall of fog. Her body was numb. She had been swimming for nearly sixteen hours.

Already she was the first woman to swim the English Channel in both directions. Now, at age 34, her goal was to become the first woman to swim from Catalina Island to the California coast.

On that Fourth of July morning in 1952, the sea was like an ice bath and the fog was so dense she could hardly see her support boats. Sharks cruised toward her lone figure, only to be

driven away by rifle shots. Against the frigid grip of the sea, she struggled on hour- after hour- while millions watched on national television.

Along side Florence in one of the boats, her mother and her trainer offered encouragement. They told her it wasn't much farther. But all she could see was fog. They urged her not to quit. She never had.....until then. With only a half mile to go, she asked to be pulled out.

Still thawing her chilled body several hours later, she told a reporter, "Look, I'm not excusing myself, but if I could have seen land I might have made it."

It was not fatigue or even the cold water that defeated her. It was the fog.

Two months later, she tried again. This time, despite the same fog, she swam with her faith intact, and her goal clearly pictured in her mind. She knew that somewhere behind the fog was land and this time she made it! Florence Chadwick became the first woman to swim the Catalina Channel, eclipsing the men's record by two hours! -
Author Unknown-

Saturday - Almost There



*Practice,
Practice,
Practice*



It's Guard Weekend—Show them How it's Done



Competition



Sunday - Graduation

Formation



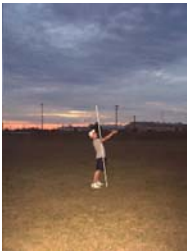
Pass In Review



We Graduate



Some parting Shots



The Civil Air Patrol



"Semper Vigilans"



Have a Great Summer - Your PA Staff



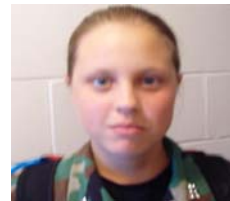
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